

Attractions at Crawford Theatre NEXT WEEK

MON.—

Paramount Cosmopolitan Production
"THE FACE IN THE FOG"
And Comedy
"Caesar's Ghost"

TUES.—

ANITA STEWART
In
"Her Mad Bargain"
COMEDIES
"SHARKY FAMILY TREE" and
"UNFERMENTED BRICKS"

WED.—

A Zane Gray Story
"GOLDEN DREAMS"
Comedy
LOOSE NUTS

THUR.—

FRI.—

"Robinson Crusoe No. 6"
"GIANTS OF THE OPEN"
Comedy
SHORT WEIGHT

SAT.—

Gloria Swanson in
"HER GILDED CAGE"
Comedy
"OFF THE EARTH"

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Graham, of Lovington, a sister of Miss Rebecca Graham, principal of Carlsbad High School, was in the city the first of the week.

D. N. and Harry Huston, prominent business men of Lea County, were in from their homes at Lovington, this week, transacting business.

The Episcopal Women's Guild met with Mrs. Frank Joyce yesterday afternoon, for their regular meeting.

Next week JOY WEEK at Crawford Theatre.

Cleora Stewart spent Wednesday in Roswell on business.

A dance will be given Christmas night by the boys of Troop "B" and they and other dancers are anticipating a good time. This will be followed by a masquerade ball on New Year's night.

Fred Sproul, the oil man, is in Carlsbad, coming yesterday, and stopping at the Palace. We expect some definite oil news in the very near future, according to those in a position to know.

The Presbyterian church will hold a Christmas tree and program at 7:30 Sunday night. Lack of space and time prevents our giving this excellent program more detailed publicity.

A "bunch" of Miss Thelma Nevenger's school friends went out to her home south of town last Saturday night and had a fine time with their schoolmate. Games were played, songs were sung, and at the close of the evening cake and cocoa added their charms and all went to their homes in a happy mood, expressing thanks for a lovely evening.

Boston Witt was in town several days from Lovington, his home, leaving on the return trip this evening, accompanied by his daughter Miss Pattie, who will spend Christmas with homefolks.

Miss Jeannette Henderson, who is teaching in the schools of El Paso, is expected to return to the home of her mother, near Malaga, for the Christmas vacation.

Fred Leck has been in town this week from his ranch and will return to the ranch tomorrow accompanied by his wife and children who will spend Christmas there.

Fred Nymeyer came in Tuesday from his ranch near Eunice, and will spend the holidays with his family.

J. D. Jernigan, an old settler of the Hope community, was a business visitor to the city the middle of the week.

The strongest of hands are without value unless there is a brain capable of directing their movements.

Merry Christmas

GREETINGS

As the Holiday Season, with its spirit of Good Will returns, we wish to convey to each and everyone our Hearty Greetings. May Christmas bring you all the good things you would have it bring, is our sincere wish.

PEOPLES MERCANTILE COMPANY

To Our Friends and Customers—

Not because it is an honored custom, but
Because of the sincerity of our appreciation
of your good will towards us,
Our most earnest wish is
That this CHRISTMAS may be your MERRIEST

JOYCE-PRUIT CO.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

EVERY Christmas they invited one or two to have Christmas dinner with them who would otherwise have been alone. It gave them so much pleasure that they never felt they were being "kindly" nor that they were "doing a real charity." So that their guests always had a real Christmas with real Christmas cheer. For they never felt that they had been invited, out of kindness, nor out of charity!

SANTA FOR ITALIAN KIDDIES

Befana, Good Fairy, is supposed to fill Stockings With Toys on Twelfth Night.

THE character in Italian childhood lore corresponding to our Santa Claus is Befana, a good fairy who is supposed to fill the children's stockings with toys on Twelfth Night. She does not, however, come down the chimney, and the stockings are hung in the child's bedroom. When someone enters to fill the stocking, the child, according to a very ancient practice, cries out "Ecco la Befana." The legend concerning this lady is that the Magi, while on their way to Bethlehem, stopped at her home, but found her too busy with household affairs to entertain them. She told them that she would see them on their return, but they went back by another route, and therefore Befana comes out in search of them every Twelfth Night. Her name is a corruption of Epiphany, which is Jan. 6, the twelfth night after Christmas, according to the church calendar.

FINEST EVER.

Does Jack send you good Christmas presents?
The finest I ever exchanged.



Christmas Cake Decorations.
To make attractive Christmas cake decorations, lightly butter the under side of perfect holly leaves, then coat with icing and let dry. When dry the icing will come off shaped and veined like the leaf. Make into a wreath by joining with icing stems.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a mass meeting is called for 7:30 p. m. at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the Armory building, on December 25th, 1922. Said meeting being called to elect an entire executive committee and Home Service secretary of the American Red Cross, Eddy County Chapter, for the year 1923.
F. E. HUBERT,
Executive Chairman.

RING COTTON IS THE REDEMPTION OF HOPE

It goes without saying that we have been hit hard with the great drouth, the bank wreck, the slump in livestock, and the financial distress of the stockman.

The Hope country has been tested and tried as never before and be it said to the praise and honor of the country and its people, we are still in the ring—are in our corner—and still have both mits on.

There came a proposition from the good people of Carlsbad for us to plant five hundred acres of cotton and they would built a gin to prepare the product for the market. These business men are not experimenters, for at Carlsbad they have tried out the cotton question for several years and it has proven the staple crop for the cash.

Immediately Hope got busy and commissioned John Grant, a practical cotton grower, to see the farmers and secure the acreage needed to insure the gin, and it is needless to say the cotton will be planted and the gin will be running full time when the crop is ready.

A little experiment was made the past year. W. A. Moore made a bale on three acres of dry land, 1350 pounds of seed cotton making 530 pounds of lint, which sold for twenty-five and one half cents per pound. The seed brought \$12.50, at the rate of \$32.00 per ton. The cotton brought Mr. Moore the neat sum of \$138.58.

If such results may be obtained with such little preparation of the soil—and in the driest year we have ever had—what may not be done with land well prepared and good seasons?

John Grant grew three bales. The seed alone brought \$48.00 and the cotton \$356.36, a total of \$404.36. All the above cotton brought top price of the market, as it was De-Rango Long Staple.

By noon Wednesday John Grant secured pledges for 550 acres and thought before the end of the week he could easily get one thousand—Penasco Valley Press.

The sinner who openly swears like a pirate may still be about as good as the deacon who rips them out of the privacy of his own wood shed.